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Dear Greene,

Thanks for both of your letters. I thought the clipping about the Chinaman who surprised the Community by running off with the servant girl when he was considered to have been living happily with his wife and concubine, was delightful.

You ask me whether I shall be at the gathering of the clans. I have no official assurances or even unofficial hints as yet, although Gunn has told me that GEV remarked that we both ought to get back to the New York Office every once in a while; my impression is that two years makes nearly a "while", and my call may be coming; on the other hand I don't see how I can manage it for the time being. I have an assistant coming over in January, and my job will be to learn enough of what I am doing to be able to tell somebody else; that ought to take most of the month of November.

The "Lin" business was managed by Bakman, who I think has probably retired permanently from his role of what you call "philanthropist". I rather agree with you about Russia, especially in view of the fact that I am fairly sure that some pretty good people have stayed by there and deserve help; rats leave a sinking ship, quite frequently real people do not. Excuse the moralising and generalities of this statement.

We have had rather a hectic week here owing to the wanderings of the French franc. I can't pronounce the word "grenouille" without it becoming reasonably apparent to the cleverer type of Frenchman that I am a foreigner, and Americans are about as popular as nothing at all here

at present; in fact our unpopularity seems to have the same jagged
that
curves with the franc presents. Thanks to M. Poincaré it would seem
that we are twice as popular as last week, but that, as has been pointed
out to me, is not saying a great deal when all is said and done. I am
gradually getting to the point though when I feel that I am not entirely
responsible for all of my countrymen's behaviour; I am forced to this
fact by the alternative which would be a funny house.

Have you heard of the physiologist who had four children and a wife
who was a fundamentalist; they made a compromise by baptising two of
the children and keeping the other two for a control.

I close with sincere expressions of hope that I have not written you
this one before.

Yours as ever,

P.S. A professor of Anatomy at Oslo married a female doctor; they both
happened to be interested in embryology, as one might say, intellectually
at the time. The good God rewarded them with a brace of twins which,
as has so often been said before, shows the advantage of a college education +
Influence of mind over matter etc.